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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE COUPLE INDICTED FOR MARIJUANA MANUFACTURE

Sacramento-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two count indictment charging TAMARA ALLEN, 43, and CHRISTOPHER LILLER, 34, both residents of South Lake Tahoe, California, with conspiracy to manufacture and manufacture of marijuana.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the South Lake Tahoe- El Dorado Narcotics Enforcement Task Force (SLEDNET).

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mary L. Grad, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that ALLEN and LILLER conspired to manufacture at least 100 marijuana plants in an indoor grow in their South Lake Tahoe residence.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of Title 21 United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846 is a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment, a \$1 million fine, and a three year period of supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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